

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of
Patrick BENOIT *et al.*

Serial No. 09/240,675

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Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: S. Devi

For: MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AGAINST THE INTERFERON RECEPTOR, WITH
NEUTRALIZING ACTIVITY AGAINST TYPE 1 INTERFERON

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed in the above-captioned case on September 3, 1999, the period for response to which has been extended three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fees. This response is being timely filed by the extended deadline of March 3, 2000. It is believed that no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment. If this is incorrect, however, the Commissioner is authorized to make appropriate charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-0741 to provide exact payment.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein set forth is respectfully requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph according to the examiners suggestion, adding the following sentence before the first line:

--This application is a divisional of application Serial Number 08/307,888, filed 12/05/94 and issued as US Patent 5,919,453, which is in turn a national stage of

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